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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 1, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-10, 12-15, 17, 19, 20-22, 25 and 28 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 17, 19-20 and 25 have been amended. Claims 4-5, 7, 11, 16, 18, 23-24 and 26-27 have been cancelled. New claim 28 has been added as claim 14 rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chatterjee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,162,691, hereinafter, "Chatterjee").

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable subject matter as noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 15, and all claims dependent on claim 1 or 15, are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4-6, 10 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chatterjee* in view of *Huttunen* (U.S. Publication 2003/0069881) and further in view of *Dey et al.* (U.S. Publication 2003/0061028, hereinafter, "*Dey*"). Claims 20 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chatterjee* in view of *Huttunen*. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chatterjee* in view of *Dey*.

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Claims 10 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable subject matter as noted by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10 and 20, and all claims dependent on claim 10 or 20, are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-9, 11-14, 18-19 and 25-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 15 and 20 to include the limitations of the allowed subject matter of claims 7, 11 and 14, 16 and 26, respectively, as well as all intervening claims. Applicants have further cancelled claims 4-5, 7, 11, 16, 18, 23-24 and 26-27 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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